

2020 CHARLES E. SHANNON COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVE

FALL RIVER

Funded Partners: Bristol County District Attorney's Office, Bristol County Sheriff's Office, Bristol County Training Consortium/ MassHire Bristol, Fall River Girls & Boys Club, Fall River Police Department, Fall River Public Schools, Fall River YMCA, Fall River Youth Court, Family Service Association, Greater Fall River RE-CREATION, Massachusetts Parole Board, Solidground Psychotherapy, United Neighbors of Fall River, and Youth Build Fall River

Funded by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants and Research, the Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative (Shannon) is modeled after the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Comprehensive Gang Model. Shannon is a multi-sector approach used to address a community's gang and youth violence problem. Each community receiving Shannon funding demonstrates the presence of risk factors for youth and gang violence. Shannon participants must be between the ages of 10-24 years.

Strategies, Outcomes, and Funding Allocation*

Total Funding: \$533,713

Strategies	Outcomes		Funding Allocation
Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention	44 Received Case Management Services	34 Received Street Outreach Services	\$156,676
Community Mobilization	475 Community Members Attended Events, Meetings & Presentations	46 Community Events, Meetings, & Presentations Held	\$28,670
Education & Employment	17 Participated in Employment Programs	16 Completed a Job Training Program	\$85,513
Positive Youth Development & Recreation	127 Participated in Youth Development Programs	114 Participated in Recreation Programs	\$54,076
Suppression	655 Hot Spot Patrols Completed	118 Law Enforcement Supported Home Visits	\$208,778

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Shannon CSI programs may have adjusted programming options (e.g., reduced numbers served to meet restrictions, remote programming) and/or shifted funding allocations.

Youth Risk Assessments

0% LOW-RISK*	Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity.
59% MODERATE-RISK*	Youth exposed to the same risk factors as low-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as truancy.
41% HIGH-RISK*	Youth who are perpetrators or victims of shooting or stabbing violence, and/or are known gang members.

* % of youth assessed for risk; responses in risk assessment may have been impacted by changes in context due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Success Highlight

"Even during a pandemic, one of our participants had what she described as 'one of her best years.' Although the lack of time in the classroom meant she is still working towards her educational goals; she was able to be consistent enough in reaching her life skills goals to gain back parental rights for one of her children."

~Youth Build Fall River

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To learn more visit: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/shannon-community-safety-initiative-csi>

Community Risk Factors

Massachusetts

Fall River

Total Population (2019 Estimate)	6,892,503	89,541
Population Lives in Poverty	9.4%	19.4%
Unemployment Rate	8.0%	12.9%
Total School Population (2019-20)	983,058	14,449
Economically Disadvantaged	36.6%	73.8%
High School Dropout Rate	1.8%	3.7%

Sources: www.census.gov/quickfacts; profiles.doe.mass.edu/; www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/

Gang Activity in Fall River

58

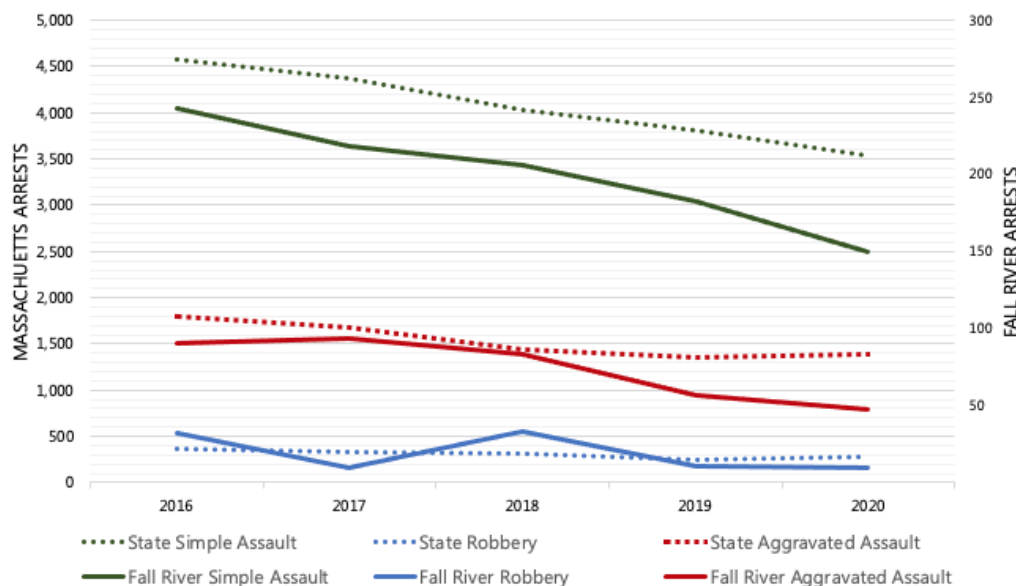
Street Gangs

74

Gang Members
Under 25

For 2020, Fall River reports 58 active gangs with 780 qualified gang members, 74 of which are under 25. Conflict between gangs is generally attributed to narcotic sales or the belief that disrespect has occurred from one gang to the other. The conflict escalates into violent confrontations, revenge shootings, stabbings, home invasions, robberies, beatings, random attacks, spray painting, and possession of firearms. Drug and firearm trafficking continues to be the two primary criminal activities from which gang members profit.

5-Year Crime Trends for Young People Ages 10-24, 2016-2020



Changes in Crime for Young People Ages 10-24, 2016-2020

Simple assaults in...

- Massachusetts decreased 23%
- Fall River decreased 38%

Robberies in...

- Massachusetts decreased 24%
- Fall River decreased 69%

Aggravated assaults in...

- Massachusetts decreased 22%
- Fall River decreased 48%

Information contained in this report is from funding applications, reports supplied by the site, MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, US Census, MA Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, and Office of Grants and Research / Research Policy and Analysis Division. Special thanks to the Statewide Research Partner, the Center on Crime and Community Resilience at Northeastern University, for preparing this brief.